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Urban District Council



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1947

GREAT HARWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH COMMITTEE

THE WHOLE COMMITTEE

Chairman - Councillor Mr. W. Rutter.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

J.R. Humming, M.B. Ch. B.

SANITARY INSPECTOR AND CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

F. Whitham A.F.San.L. M.S.T.A.

(Terminated office January 1948).

G. Welmsley M.R.San.L. M.S.T.A.

(Appointed April 1948).

SCHOOL NURSE AND HEALTH VISITOR.

(Lancashire County Council).

Nurse Gilbert.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, for the year 1947.

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Great Harwood Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure to present to you my
Annual Report of the Health and Sanitary Administration
of the district for the year ending December, 1947.

The various rates in the reports are based
upon the Registrar General's estimate of the population for
the mid-year 1947.

The birth rate of 18.4 per thousand shows
an increase of 2.1 on 1946 as compared with 20.5 for England
and Wales.

156 deaths have been recorded giving a
death rate of 14.3 per thousand population as last year.
The death rate for England and Wales being 12.0.

The Infantile Mortality rate was lower
than last year, being 30 per thousand live births. This
is a decrease of 28 from last year, when the figure was
58 per thousand live births. The figure for England and
Wales was 41.

The death rate from Tuberculosis of the
respiratory system is lower than last year being 0.38 as
against 0.48.

Deaths from Cancer give a rate of 1.14 which
was lower than last year.

There were no maternal deaths during the
year.

There have been no cases of sickness or
invalidity which have been specially noteworthy during the
year, and the general health of the district remains
satisfactory.

Smallpox, diphtheria and measles have
occurred satisfactorily during the year. The control
of these diseases has been satisfactory.

The essential work of the Health Department has been fully maintained.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Committee, the Sanitary Inspector and other officials for their valuable assistance.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. K. Cumming,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

STATISTICS.

Area in acres.	2,868.
Number of inhabited houses (a) Census, 1921.	3,573.
(b) end of 1947.	3,716.
Rateable Value.	£63,574.
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£244 (1947-8)
Population - Census 1931.	12,876.
Registrar Generals Estimate of population 1947	10,450.

BIRTHS.

	Total.	M.	F.
Live Births. (Legitimate.	187.	106.	81.
(illegitimate.	7.	4.	3.
	194	110	84

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated population. 18.5.

Still Births. (Legitimate.	3	1	2
(illegitimate.	2	1	1.
	5	2	3

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births. 28.

DEATHS.

Pneumonia.	2	2	0
Whooping Cough.	1	1	0.
Diphtheria.	1	1	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	4	3	1
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis.	1	1	0
Cyphilitic diseases.	2	2	0
Cancer	12	7	5
Diabetes.	1	0	1
Intracranial vascular lesions.	19	5	14
Heart Disease.	68	34	34
Bronchitis.	10	6	4
Ulcer of the stomach.	1	1	0
Diarrhoea under 2 years.	1	0	1
Nephritis.	2	0	2
Prematurity.	4	2	2
Suicide.	2	1	1
Other violent causes.	4	3	1
All other causes.	17	10	7
	151	79	72

Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated population.

14.4

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1. No. of Infants under one year of age	5	2	3
Illegitimate	1	1	0
	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

Death rate of infants under one year of age.

All infants per 1,000 live births

30.

Death rate for England and Wales (1).

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births. 26

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births. 140.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

FOR THE AREA.

Laboratory Facilities.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Royal Infirmary, Blackburn, with the exception of sputum examination for Tuberculosis, these being examined at the Tuberculosis Dispensary, Accrington.

Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) For infectious cases - Provided by Isolation Hospital.
- (b) For non-infectious cases - Operated by the Lancs. County Council.

Nursing in the Home.

Nursing in the home is carried out by the District Nursing Association.

Midwives.

The Midwives Act. 1936 is administered by the Lancashire County Council, who employ two midwives in the District.

Hospital Accommodation.

General.

There are no Public or Voluntary hospitals in the district. The majority of cases are treated at the Royal Infirmary, Blackburn and Queens Park Hospital, Blackburn.

Smallpox.

Finnington Hospital, Blackburn.

Other infectious Diseases.

Agreement made by Accrington and District Joint Hospital Board for cases to be treated at Bull Hill, Hospital, Darwen.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR 1900

AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
AMERICAN SAVING SOCIETY

RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS
A REPORT OF THE
MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR
1900

AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

THE AMERICAN SAVING SOCIETY
HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE
THE RECEIPT OF THE REPORT
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Public Health Centres and Clinics.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Day Nursery, Infants School, Orthopaedic and Artificial Limb Clinics are all under the control of the Lancashire County Council.

Water Supply.

All the dwelling houses are supplied with water direct from the public mains except for approximately 10 farms and cottages in the outlying parts of the district. No dwelling houses are supplied with water from standpipes. The water is supplied by the Salford District Gas and Water Board.

The water is moderately soft and has no clumbo-solvent action. Samples are regularly taken by the Board for Bacteriological and chemical examination. The quality and quantity of the water has been well maintained during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage.

There has been no extension of the sewerage system during the year.

Rivers and Streams.

These are under the control of the Lancashire County Council Rivers Board.

Shops and Offices.

No action was taken under the shops Act, 1934 or the Public Health Act, 1936.

Schools.

It has not been necessary to close any school on account of the occurrence of infectious disease.

Offensive Trades.

There is one Rag and Bone Dealer in the district. It is situated well away from the built-up area and no complaints have been received.

Swimming Baths.

The district does not possess any public or

Housing.

Housing conditions still remain fairly satisfactory despite the difficulty of labour and materials. Several houses have been rendered fit during the year.

Although there is very little overcrowding, as defined in the Housing Act, 1936, there are many cases where sex separation is unsatisfactory due to the present shortage of houses.

Scabies.

Arrangements are made for the treatment of Scabies by Temporary Nurse at the Council's own baths at the Town's Yard.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

119 children and 7 adults were immunised during the year of these 109 were between 1 and 5 years and 10 between 5 and 15 years and 7 adults.

The approximate total of all children immunised in the district now is:-

Under 5 years of age.	63. 3%
Between 5 and 15 years of age.	84. 6%

Notifiable diseases during the year
(other than tuberculosis)

Notifiable Diseases	Total cases at all ages.	Total Cases Notification.										Total Deaths.	Hospital Total cases removed to hospital.
		Age Periods - Years.											
		Under 2	2-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44		
Whooping cough	13	8	9	10	11	20						1	
Scarlet fever	7		2	3		1				1		1	
Measles.	17	3	21	16	41	21	23	11					
Diphtheria.	1									1		1	1
Total.	20	11	43	47	52	42	50	21	1	3		3	1.

New cases and Mortality During 1947.

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
5 - 15.					1			
10 - 15.		1						
15 - 25.		1				1		
25 - 35.					1			
35 - 45.	2				1		1	
45 - 55.								
TOTAL.	2	1			3	1	1	

Death rate from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory system being 0.38 per thousand population.

It was not found necessary to take any action under the Public Health (prevention of tuberculosis) Regulations, 1935 relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.

The notification of this disease is satisfactory.

The number of cases on the register at the 31st December

Pulmonary.

Male 10
Female 10 20.

Non-Pulmonary.

Male 3
Female 3 6
36.

Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

To the Medical Officer of Health.

For the Year ended 31st. December. 1947.

Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report on the sanitary circumstances of the District during the year ended 31st. December. 1947.

Classified List of Inspections and Visits.

Dwelling houses under the Housing and Public Health Acts. including re-visits.	354.
<u>Milk Supply.</u>	
Cowsheds and Dairies.	42.
Milk Samples.	27.
<u>Meat Supply.</u>	
Slaughterhouse.	80.
Food Premises.	12.
Bakchouses.	13.
<u>GENERAL.</u>	
Factories.	8
Refuse Tip.	36
Workshops.	7.
Salvage.	49.
Defective Dustbins.	3.
Visits to work in progress.	31.
New drains approved.	30.
New drains disapproved.	1.
Old Drains found defective.	2.
Public conveniences.	13.
Waste Water Closets.	24.
Fresh Water Closets.	1.
Waste Water Closets Conversions.	9.
Refuse accommodation.	17.
g Flock premises.	1.
Refuse receptacles.	17.
Various.	29.
<u>Disinfections.</u>	
Rooms.	10.
Books.	3.
Choked drains and closet released.	1,068.
Complaints.	143.

Sanitary Inspections.

Number of premises visited.	442.
" inspections and revisits.	555.
" defects or nuisance discovered.	210.
" " " abated.	196.
" notices served - informal.	76.
" " " statutory.	11.

MILK SUPPLY.

Number of dairy farms.	19.
" dairymen.	6. T. T. Milk. Bottling Plants 1.
Approximate number of cows.	400. T. T. Milk.
Number of inspections.	78. Retailers

The work in connection with providing a safe and clean milk supply has been well maintained during the year. Regular inspections of the cowsheds and dairies together with milk sampling have been carried out.

The general standard of the buildings, with few exceptions, are satisfactory.

The number of licensed producers of "Accredited" milk under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936 to 1941, is seven.

19 samples of milk have been taken for the Methylene Blue test of which 15 satisfied the requirements. Also 8 for tuberculosi of which none were found to contain tubercle bacilli.

Meat and other Foods.

All meat received in the district is still obtained from the Ministry of Food's Regional Slaughterhouse at Exeter.

80 visits were made to the private slaughterhouse (attached to the Bacon and Ham Factory), when 1,018 pigs were examined of which the following were found to be unsound.

11 lbs. Beef.	17
" Liver.	19
" Lungs.	12 lbs.
" Pluck.	21
60 lbs. Canadian Beef.	Bone Taint.
58 " Frozen Beef.	" "
3 tins Stewed steak.	Decomposition.
130 lbs. Beef.	" "
18 lbs. Flour.	

Other food premises were inspected from time to time and various loose foods were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

FACTORIES.

30 inspections were made during the year and the following defects found.

Absence of separate sanitary conveniences,	4.
for sexes.	
Inadequate lighting.	2.
Dirty W.C.	1.
Sanitary conveniences unsuitable.	1.
No. W.C.	2.

BAKEHOUSES.

The number of bakehouses on the register is 34 including one basement bakehouse. 13 inspections were made thereto and conditions generally were found to be satisfactory.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

36 waste water closets were converted during the year.

Paill closets are emptied weekly.
The number of various closets in the district are as follows:

Fresh Water Closets.	1,356.
Waste " "	2,329.
Pails.	36.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES.

There are four public conveniences which are cleaned daily.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The refuse collection service has been well maintained during the year, dustbins have been emptied weekly and ash-pits approximately monthly.

Collection is by means of two covered "Dennis" refuse vehicles and disposed by controlled tipping which is an economical method of disposal.

During the year informal notice was served on the owner's of property with ash-pits and 7 dustbins were provided to property in lieu of ashpits.

Approximate number of dustbins.	3,507.
" " " ash-pits.	50.

STREET CLEANSING.

The Health Department is responsible for the cleansing of the main roads and streets-which are swept daily, and side streets weekly.

The work entailed in the weeding of the streets during the summer months necessitates considerable time and expense. It would be economical to the Council and at the same time, a benefit in helping to keep the streets cleaner by proceeding as soon as the opportunity permits, in the work of the regrouting of certain paved sett streets. Street gullies are emptied regularly to avoid nuisance being created from the overflowing.

WASTE

	£	S.	D.	NO.	Ton.	Qty.	Qrs.
Paper.	409.	5	1.		66	9	1
Kitchen Waste.	57.	5	0		115	10	0
Bottles.	50.	2	1	463	2	0	0
Boots & Shoes.	1	7	0			13	0
Black Scrap.	12	11	9		5	7	2
Textiles.	27	17	1.		2	5	0
Aluminium.	1	2	0			2	0
Lead.	2	-	1			1	1
Copper.	3	7	6			1	0
Brass.	1	8	0			1	0
	<u>£570</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
Increase on 1946.	£100	3	8	111	3	4	0

Pestology

Prevention of Bed-bugs.

One house was disinfected by the department for bed-bug infestation.

Rats and Mice.

Systematic inspection of the district was carried out and also immediate attention was given to each rodent complaint received during the year. The Ministry of Food recommended methods of prebaiting and poisoning were used.

A part time rodent operative is employed and carries out his work very satisfactorily.

In conclusion, I desire to thank you for the help you have given to me during the year, the Chairmen and Members of the Health Committee, the Heads of other departments, and the members of my staff for their helpful co-operation at all times.

Yours faithfully,

G. WALMSLEY.

